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2. I DO NOT INTEND TO COMMENT PUBLICLY ON THE REPORT. IN 1973 I ISSUED A DIRECTIVE THAT CIA WOULD NOT ENGAGE IN ASSASSINATION, AND I MAINTAIN THAT POSITION. I BELIEVE IT NOT IN THE BEST INTEREST OF OUR GOVERNMENT AND AGENCY TO DISCUSS PUBLICLY AND OFFICIALLY WHATEVER CONSIDERATION THIS SUBJECT MAY HAVE RECEIVED IN YEARS PAST."

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